

REMARKS

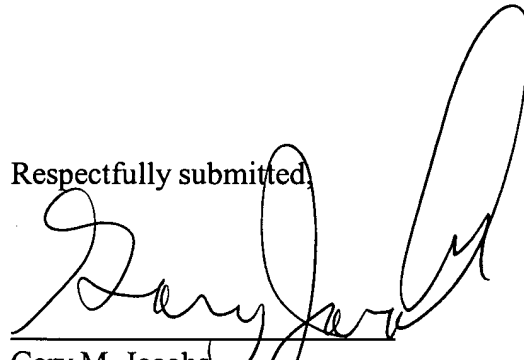
Claims 42-48 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 27, 28, 30-33, and 41-48 are pending. Claims 27 and 42 are independent.

Consideration and an early allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicants are filing herewith an Information Disclosure Statement citing additional art. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite this art and initial and return the Information Disclosure Citation accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary M. Jacobs", with a large, stylized flourish extending upwards and to the right.

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